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Embassy Nairobi reaches out to Madrasa's during Ramadhan

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The Public Affairs Section supported a one day inter-madrassa competition for Madrasa teachers and students in Nairobi. The target audience was Madrasa teachers, sponsored by Public Affairs to learn English, US Culture and values and also worked on interfaith programs. Over 100 students and teachers from 4 madrasas participated in the event. Prior to the final competition, each madrasa held an internal contest and chose the winners to represent them at the event. Students and teachers also had an opportunity to see Islam in America poster show at the Ummul Qura Education Center. The posters showcase the scope of the Islamic community in the United States

CAO Raymond Stephens stressed on the importance of Ramadhan, respect for religion and freedom of worship as a prerequisite to live in harmony and prosperity. He congratulated the winning Madrasa for the good performance. CAO also read President Obama's message of Ramadhan to the congregations. Mr. Mohammed Ahmed, Advisor with United Mobile Madrasa group appreciated the support Embassy gave to make the program a huge success. He emphasized on the need for people from diverse community to work together to achieve a common goal. The winners were awarded with assorted Islamic books, Quran, and Arabic translated publication on US Economy, US Government and USA map.

The program ended with joint iftar for all the invited guests, teachers and children

Importance

The program supports President Obama's initiative of reaching out to the Muslim community. It's aimed at expressing American respect for religious freedom and mutual understanding between Kenyan Muslims and the American people. It is also a great opportunity to recognize the rapidly expanding American Muslim community



Student giving a speech during the inter-madrassa competition



Students enjoying traditional iftar meal of biryani.